

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-482-E - ORDER NO. 2001-1140

DECEMBER 21, 2001

IN RE: Petition of Carolina Power & Light Company) ORDER APPROVING ✓
for an Accounting Order Regarding its) ACCOUNTING
Nuclear Decommissioning Expense.) TREATMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition by Carolina Power & Light (CP&L or the Company) for this Commission to issue an accounting order for regulatory accounting purposes reallocating the annual nuclear decommissioning expense among its four nuclear units.

Every five years CP&L performs a nuclear decommissioning cost study. The most recent study was performed in 1998. Based on results of this study, CP&L determined that the annual expense by unit to achieve the required total upon license expiration should be as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Annual Expense</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Brunswick Unit 1	\$1,005,640	24%
Brunswick Unit 2	690,382	17%
Harris Unit 1	891,911	22%
Robinson Unit 2	<u>1,512,816</u>	<u>37%</u>
Total	<u>\$4,100,749</u>	<u>100%</u>

The current annual expense authorized by the Commission is:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Current Amounts</u>
Brunswick Unit 1	\$1,174,275
Brunswick Unit 2	1,471,723
Harris Unit 1	746,256
Robinson Unit 2	<u>1,259,201</u>
Total	<u>\$4,651,455</u>

CP&L states that it wishes to continue contributing \$4,651,455 annually to its external funds. Therefore, CP&L proposes to reallocate the total annual nuclear decommissioning expense by unit, in relation to the most recent study as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Annual Expense</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Brunswick Unit 1	\$1,140,692	24%
Brunswick Unit 2	783,096	17%
Harris Unit 1	1,011,689	22%
Robinson Unit 2	<u>1,715,978</u>	<u>37%</u>
Total	<u>\$4,651,455</u>	<u>100%</u>

The amounts currently expensed were approved by previous Commission order. Therefore, CP&L requests an accounting order to reallocate the expense levels as described above. Such expense would be in effect for the year 2001 and thereafter until such time as CP&L requests, or this Commission orders a change. The request does not involve a change to any CP&L rate or price and does not involve any Commission rule, regulations, or policies, according to CP&L.

We have examined CP&L's Petition and hereby grant the requested accounting order as filed. The reallocation appears to be reasonable, based on the study done by CP&L. We note that the proposal does not result in any rate change, and the accounting treatment as granted would be subject to review in any future earnings review proceeding.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)